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Rising Costs Force Dropsie To Charge First Fee in History

PHILADELPHIA—The ever-spiralling cost-of-living this week finally made its impact felt, rather solidly, at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning here.

Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of the 45-year-old institution, announced that effective this fall, the tuition-free institution of higher Jewish learning will charge a $25 registration and library fee.

Noting that this is the first fee imposed by the institution since its inception in 1907, Dr. Neuman said that "sharply rising costs of operation have made it imperative that we charge a modest fee for registration and use of our library."

He hinted at the possibility that the school, which has conferred higher degrees on many of today's leading scholars of Judaica, might have to start considering a tuition fee, stating that "I am hopeful that endowments and gifts from the friends of Dropsie College will continue to make it possible to keep our school tuition-free."

Sid Gordon Boosts Home Run Tally

NEW YORK — Sid Gordon of the Boston Braves added two more home runs to his growing total this week to work into a three-way tie for the home run race in the National League. Gordon's total stood at 16.

One of the blows was a vital one in the Braves' 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs. In a game at Boston Gordon clouted the four-bagger with one man on base. Gordon's batting average was .296 with a total of 40 runs batted in.

Al Rosen continued moving at the pace that has made him one of the top hitters in the American League. He boosted his batting average from .311 to .314, and batted in five more runs, to make his season's total 65. However, he dropped to second place in the RBI standings, with Detroit's Dropo moving ahead with 67. Al hit another home run to make his total 18 and give him third place among American League batters.

Cal Abrams has seen very little action since he was traded to the Cincinnati Reds from the Brooklyn Dodgers, where he also had been spending most of the time on the bench.

Saul Rogovin lost a game following the triumph he scored when he was honored at Yankee Stadium last week. That made his record nine victories against eight defeats.

Jewish Chaplain Quota Filled

FORT SLOCUM, N. Y. (WNS)—The quota of Jewish chaplains for the armed forces has been filled while those of other denominations are still to be filled, it was reported here at the 21st national convention of the Military Chaplains Association. The Jewish quota was 3.5 percent of the total.

Ben Gurion Names Atomic Energy Body

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Appointment by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion of a Commission for Atomic Energy was announced this week.

The announcement revealed the presence in the country's soil of certain undisclosed quantities of radioactive elements.

Named to the commission, which will function under the aegis of the Weizmann Institute of Science, were Professor Bergman, chairman; Professor Dostrowsky, of the Weizmann Institute; General Yaakov Dori, chief of the scientific department of the Office of the Prime Minister; Dr. S. Kahn, Professor Samburskv and Professor Rokeach, of the Hebrew University.

The commission is to be in contact with similar bodies throughout the world.

Sharett Sees Bond Drive Successful

BIG-UJA MEDIATION BODY WILL BE HEADED BY EBAN

JERUSALEM—The appointment of Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States, to head a committee which would mediate any future difficulties between the Israel Bond drive in the U. S. and the United Jewish Appeal, was announced here last week.

The committee would consist of top representatives of both bodies.

At the same time, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, at a press conference on his return from the U.S., expressed his agreement with a statement made the previous week by Henry Montor, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond drive in the U.S., that there have been no clashes recently between the Bond drive and the UJA.

MOSHE SHARETT

ABBA EBAN

A Government Activity

TOUR HELPED

Sharett told the newsmen that he believed the way he arranged his tour of the U.S. had a salutary effect on relations between the two bodies. He devoted his tour to sponsoring both campaigns, he explained, and he made his appearance on behalf of one or the other group contingent upon the agreement of the other. (The climax of the conflict between the bodies had taken place in Indianapolis, when Golda Myerson, Israel Minister of Labor, addressed a Bond dinner which allegedly had been scheduled without consultation with the local community and in conflict with the local Federation drive).

Sharett reported that in one city on his itinerary, where a conflict was about to flare up, it was settled by the intervention of the local Israel Consulate.

'ONLY NATURAL'

Commenting on Montor's statement that he would comply with the wishes of the Israel Government in his conduct of Bond activities, the Foreign Minister said this was only natural. He explained that Montor's "acquiescence" was only as if a Director General of a Government ministry "agreed" to implement Government policy.

The Bond drive, Sharett emphasized, is an Israel Government activity and could therefore be conducted only in strict conformity with the wishes and instructions of the Government.

OPTIMISTIC

Sharett expressed optimism about the future of the Bond drive and general confidence in its progress until now. He said experience had completely disproved the "dark prophecies" made about the drive at its inception, that it was doomed to failure or could only prosper at the expense of the UJA. He reported that UJA leaders had freely admitted that the Bond drive had succeeded in placing scores of millions of dollars at the disposal of the State for investment in productive enterprise without affecting adversely the UJA.

GERMAN JEWISH CONVERTS ASK RESTITUTION PAYMENT

NEW YORK (WNS)—The London correspondent of The Jewish Morning Journal, Yiddish daily, reported that the Hebrew Christain Alliance of Germany, claiming to represent thousands of Jewish converts to Christianity, has asked the West German Government for 50,000,000 marks from the restitution settlement with Israel.

One of the chief proponents of the resolution was a Mr. Peltz, New York, who called himself head of the Jewish missionary movement in the U.S.

The converts claimed that since under the Aryan laws they were recognized as Jews and not as Christians, they were entitled to restitution for material damages they suffered under the Nazis. They would use the funds for rehabilitating "Jewish Christians" in Germany and throughout the world.

The Morning Journal report stated that the Bonn Government had indicated to its delegation at the restitution conference at The Hague, Netherlands, that it was "obligated" to grant the request of the Hebrew Christians.

Shanghai Internees To Be Indemnified

NEW YORK—Former residents of Berlin, Germany, who had been interned in the Shanghai Ghetto from May 18, 1943, to May 18, 1945, are entitled to indemnification for their stay there, it was announced this week.

If they were interned for the full period, they are entitled to a lump sum of 3,000 German marks. Payment to those who stayed a shorter period will be pro-rated.

Applications for indemnification have to be filed no later than October 31, 1952.

PEC Builds Lumber Mill in Israel

NEW YORK—A modern $1,000,000 lumber mill for the manufacture of citrus crates, doors window sashes and other standard lumber products is being established in Israel.

At least 60 percent of the mill's total output will be crates for citrus products, which is Israel's leading exportable commodity. Initial production plans for the mill, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-1953, call for the manufacture, during the first year, of 3,000,000 citrus packing boxes, which will save the country an estimated $1,000,000 annually in foreign exchange.

Sponsor of the mill, which is expected to import its lumber from West Africa, is the Palestine Economic Corporation here.

A Study in Scarlet; or, The Case Of the Non-Existent Baroness

By GOLDIE ALSTOCK SEIFER
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—A local columnist reported recently that "a former German baroness is employed here as a stenographer in the offices of the El Al Israel Airlines."

Believing in the Talmudic dictum "Seek and find," The Post set about to locate and chat with the mysterious baroness.

But Mr. Naor, El Al director of personnel, knew nothing about her and Isabelle Aaronon, in charge of public relations, wouldn't tell what she knew.

Informal quizzing of several of the thirty-odd friendly employees brought forth exclamations of surprise: "A baroness? Where? Here?" The information clerks manifestly did not consider baronial information within their province.

A shrewd approach at the reservation desk: "May I speak to the baroness, please?" and we were ready to pounce on our prey. "Just a minute; I'll see if she's in," was the encouraging reply. But a moment later our smugness was pricked: "A baroness? Don't know of any such person. Sorry."

And indeed, the denouement is that there is no ex-baroness at the El Al office here. The employee so described, whom The Post finally located, is Thea Bligh, former daughter-in-law of a deceased European general and baron whose title died with him. She was divorced from his son more than 13 years ago and since has lived in America. Bligh is the family name of her second husband.

Mrs. Bligh refused to reveal her former identity, claiming that publicity would "greatly embarrass" her former husband, who is "well known in America, although he lives in Europe." She provided one clue, however, when she disclosed a past career as an opera singer with companies in Prague, Berlin and Vienna.

"In this country," she added, "I at first continued my musical career, studying under Professor Sternman (of the Julliard School of Music) and singing in various N.Y. night clubs."

The former opera star has been employed at El Al since May of this year, as secretary and teletypist.

Joe Louis to Box in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV—Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion, will fight an exhibition bout here September 20, against Cesar Brion, South American heavyweight champion.

Nearly 5,000 Jewish immigrants were admitted to the U. S. during the first half of 1952.

Brandeis Camp Institute Stimulates Vital Interest In Jewish Matters

By Z'EV KRONISH
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WINTERDALE, Pa.—Seventy Jewish youths between the ages of 18 and 25, hailing from all parts of the U. S., are undergoing a one-month training period here that includes learning to chant the Tora and to cultivate a vegetable garden. The boys and girls are attending the Eastern camp of the Brandeis Youth Foundation (BYF), which also operates a camp on the West Coast, an arts institute throughout the year and maintains a general year-round program of activity.

The majority of the campers here readily told The Post that they had little positive Jewish background before coming to Brandeis Camp, but both the campers and the camp directors are certain that when they leave they will have a better appreciation of what it means to be a Jew. Rabbi Max Vorspan, assistant director of the BYF and one of the heads of the Winterdale camp, estimated that over 70% of the graduates of Brandeis camps become active in Jewish life.

DAILY PROGRAM

The day's program consists of a work period, a lecture on some phase of Jewish life, sports, Hebrew classes and session in drama, music, the dance and Jewish crafts. The campers make their own beds, clean their bunks and police the grounds, help in the kitchen, work in the vegetable garden and serve as O. D.s, officers of the day.

Evening programs usually consist of performances by the campers themselves and are built around Jewish themes of the past and present.

Preparation for the Sabbath begins Friday morning and continues through the day as the regular schedule is abandoned and all activity is geared toward welcoming and observing the day of rest. The whole camp undergoes a thorough cleaning operation and special rehearsals are held for programs to be presented on the Sabbath.

100% PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Sabbath prayer service is 100% complete. Campers themselves recite select parts of the liturgy from the prayer book published by the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly and cantilate the Tora portion of the week. Boys who have not previously been "bar-mitzvahed" frequently arrange to undergo the ceremony at Brandeis. The Sabbath ends with a "m'laveh malka" featuring a "drash" followed by a special Havdala ceremony. Saturday night there is a special drama program on a phase of Jewish history.

Almost all the campers come to lectures with big, thick notebooks in hand, eager to digest new bits of information but equally willing to project their own view and to tell of their own experiences as Jews.

For example, during a discussion on challenges confronting American Jewry, led by Rabbi Simon Noveck, Park Avenue Synagogue, N. Y., Lillian Cukier, 19, a student at the City College of New York, pointed out that indifference of Jews to their heritage stems in part from certain commercial practices as the high prices of admission tickets to High Holy Day services.

HITS KASHRUT PRACTICES

Goldie Gotlib, 18, a Bronx girl and one of many other vocal participants in the discussion led by Rabbi Noveck, also hit improper commercial practices within the Jewish community and struck particularly at the apparently indiscriminate use of "kosher" labels during the Passover season.

Asked by The Post to evaluate their training, campers generally agreed that they were deriving chiefly "ideas" and "know-how." Many were not positive as yet just how they would put either to use in behalf of the Jewish community, but almost all felt that their identification with the Jewish people had been intensified.

Rabbi Vorspan told The Post that one or two evenings of the last week of the training period is devoted to a discussion by the campers on "Where do we go from here?" By this time many individuals have crystallized their reactions to the camp experience and are ready to make personal commitments on how they will carry on as Jews and to undertake organizational and communal responsibilities.

Dramatics at Brandeis Camp Institute

Post Photo by Eileen Broscow

Two Brandeis campers, Jane Becker and Elaine Robinson, portray two Jewish lads of pre-Hitler Poland, who are taking time out to daydream about the riches they don't have.

COMMUNITY-MINDED

Judy Mohel, New Bedford, Mass., only 16-year-old at the camp, told The Post, when asked what will follow her camp experience, that she will apply what she has learned here to her Young Judaea club. Judy added that Brandeis made her more Jewish community-minded.

Leonora Spitz, 18, Brooklyn, frankly told The Post: "I was rebelling against Judaism before I came here but now camp is bringing me back to Judaism." She expects to accept a leadership position in Mizrachi Hatzair, youth group of Mizrachi and Mizrachi Women's Organizations of America (religious Zionists).

Jane Becker, 18, Baltimore, said: "This completely Jewish atmosphere is so different from anything I ever experienced. The learning here becomes a part of you. First thing I'll do when I get home is look up Hillel and IZFA (Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America) at Goucher College (where she is a student) and Habonim (Labor Zionist youth group) and take courses in Hebrew. I used to be indifferent to Jewish things."

FAR, DISTANT PLACE

She noted that until recently Israel "was a far, distant place and completely unrelated to my life," adding that she was now "anxious" to go to Israel.

An 18-year-old boy from Utica, N.Y., Stuart Garfinkel, belonged to Senior Judaea before coming to camp but will be even more active in his group and particularly in his local synagogue. "Camp strengthened my religious convictions," he told The Post.

Because of a last minute draft of 11 boys who were scheduled to come to camp, the girls outnumbered the boys almost five to one. While both the boys and girls jokingly complained about the situation, the camp program did not seem to be adversely affected. In fact, an unusual spirit of good will and cooperation permeated the entire camp. It is expected that in the August training period, which will be attended by 100 boys and girls, the ratio will be about even. Less boys were available for the July period because of summer school sessions which the local draft boards insist they attend.

FORMERLY WITH AZYC

In their 11th year now, Brandeis camps at one time were a part of the American Zionist Youth Commission, joint body of Hadassah and the Zionist Organization of America. In 1948 Brandeis camps became independent of the Youth Commission and a Brandeis Youth Foundation was set up, with Dr. Shlomo Bardin, founder of the camps, as director. Since then Zionist leaders, representing both the youth and senior groups, have attacked the BYF as "non-Zionist oriented."

Abraham S. Goodman, treasurer of BYF, who, with the election of Rabbi Irving Miller to the presidency of the ZOA, became a key figure in the new administration, confirmed to The Post that a "silent campaign of slander" against Brandeis has in recent years been conducted by certain Zionists."

For the most part, the criticism against Brandeis has been expressed only privately by Zionist leaders. Their main contention is that the program does not sufficiently emphasize Israel and that it does not train the campers for roles in the various Zionist youth groups.

LIVED IN ISRAEL

Commenting on these charges, Rabbi Vorspan pointed out that more than one third of the staff have lived for a number of years in Israel, including Mrs. Ethel Benor, co-director of the Eastern camp. "Israel is completely integrated in the Jewish progrm of the camp," Rabbi Vorspan said.

He noted, however, that Hatikva (Israel national anthem) is not sung at the beginning or end of the day or at special events

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Efros Sees Language Bar Between U.S., Israel Jews

JERUSALEM—The problem of the language barrier, a heretofore little mentioned factor in the relations between Israel and American Jewry, was posed here last week by an American visitor noted for his activities in connection with the Hebrew language.

Dr. Israel Efros, professor of Hebrew at Dropsie and Hunter colleges and author, poet, translator and critic, here on a three-month visit, last week made the gloomy prediction that "when Israel speaks American Jewry will not hear" because of the differences in culture and language.

The rabbinical seminaries, Jewish colleges and day schools are preparing students who might make scholarly contributions and do translations, the professor said, but there is little or no hope for a substantial American audience for Israel literature.

Dr. Efros also deplored the fact that 'there are practically no native born Americans producing literature in Hebrew in America." He attributed this to the fact that though some young writers had begun to produce, they were fairly quickly discouraged by the lack of an audience in the U. S.

(Hadoar, Hebrew weekly published in N. Y., continues to be nourished almost exclusively from the pens of writers of Europeons and Israeli backgrounds, and perhaps the only work of Hebrew poetry by a native American author was published several years ago by Hanna Kleinman, Chicago.)

Brandeis Camps

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and that no Israel flag is displayed on the grounds. Asked for an explanation, he said simply that "we don't develop artificial loyalties." He added that the blue and white flag is now a symbol exclusively of the Jewish State and is raised only when an Israel dignitary visits the camp.

As for preparing the campers for direct participation in the various Zionist groups, Rabbi Vorspan said it is up to the leaders of the organizations to meet with as many of the campers as possible and influence them to participate in their groups.

CAMPS NON-PARTISAN

The camps themselves are nonpartisan, he emphasized, and the total Jewish community has a right to look to the campers as participants in one area or another.

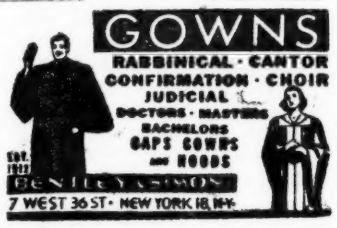
Goodman, asked if a "shidookh" is in store for Brandeis and the Youth Commission now that Rabbi Miller is president and he, as chairman of the inner committee, holds an important post in the ZOA, said "no."

He explained that it was his own feeling and that of his colleagues on the Brandeis board that the foundation ought not to be connected with any one segment of the Jewish community. He added, however, that he would like to see a friendly relationship develop between BFY and the Zionist organizations. As for Zionist content in the camp program, Goodman said that Zionist and Israeli leaders are invited to participate as lecturers.

BUDGET

BYF has a budget of $250,000 to $300,000 for the current year, Goodman reported. Most of the money comes from private contributions and some come from Jewish welfare funds. The Los Angeles Jewish community, he reported, raises around $100,000 annually.

A third Brandeis camp, in Hendersonville, N.C., is currently being used by Young Judaea. There is no Brandeis camp operating there, Goodman explained, because the BYF could not allocate $25,000 that would be needed to run it and because of lack of trained personnel.



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HAIFA—First tourists to use a new-style sightseeing bus, reported to be the most expensive bus in the world, equipped with a bar and loudspeaker were a group of the American Workmen's Circle (Arbeiter Farband) who arrived here last week on an eleven-day tour.

The bus was the first of five scheduled to be put on the road by Sightseeing Ltd., a new company formed by a group of Canadians who fought in the Israel War of Independence. The same group also runs the Tiyulim Drive Yourself Service. Both ventures were financed by Canadians.

The first diaper service in Israel, which will also manufacture diapers with cotton threads imported from the U.S., is expected to begin operating before 1953.

The Iraq Supreme Court has ruled that the Jewish population of 6,000, being 14,000 short of the required minimum for representation in Parliament, no longer will be entitled to representation.

A new drug factory, which is a partnership between an Israel and an American firm, has begun production at Petah Tikva, Israel.

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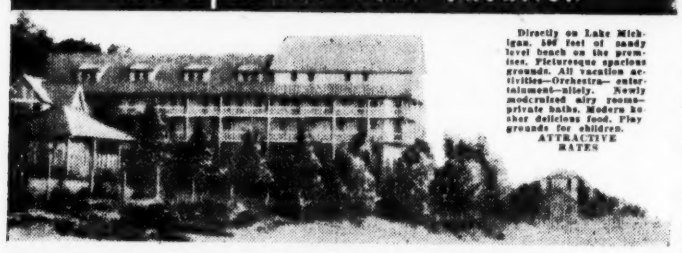

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ISRAEL LOOKS GOOD IN OLYMPIC PARADE, BUT NOT SO IN GAMES

HELSINKI, Finland—A crowd of 70,000 people gave forth with a great ovation as the Israel Olympic team entered the field in the opening ceremony at the 15th Olympic Games here Saturday, July 19. The flag of Israel flew over an Olympic stadium for the first time in history.

The 30 men and three women comprising the Israel team marched smartly onto the rain-soaked field, wearing light slacks or skirts, blue jackets and light summer hats. In the parade, too, were over 100 Jewish athletes with the contingents of the 70 other participating countries, including 18 members of the U. S. team.

Israel did not fare well in the competition, however. The best performance was by David Tabak, Israel's champion sprinter. Winning the first heats in the 100 and 200 meter races, Tabak was both times eliminated in the second heat.

Olga Wittenberg, Israel's champion discus thrower, was eliminated after missing the 36-meter minimum by one-fifth of a meter. Other hopefuls eliminated were Arieh Glick, who failed to break the two-minute mark in the 800-meter run, and Arieh Kleinstub who missed the 1.87-meter jump by .07 meters.

The Israel basketball team had been eliminated in a pre-game tournament, losing close games to the Phillipine and Greek teams, after scoring smashing victories in exhibition games against Scandinavian teams.

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The Sphinx Probably Could Tell Him

HELSINKI, Finland — The Olympic Games have been rather hard-pressed in recent years in promoting their essential cause, international amity through the alleged brotherhood of sports.

Most recent incident of the failure of the arena automatically to promote sportsmen's amity was at the meeting here of the International Wrestling Foundation, in connection with the Olympic Games.

Chosen secretary of the group was an Egyptian. In calling the roll of countries represented, the gentleman failed to call Israel's name.

Later, again, after a vote, it was found that Israel's name was missing. Asked for an explanation, the secretary declared: "How could I accept a vote from a country which does not exist?"

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'Black Market' Refrigerator Operation Uncovered In Israel

HAIFA—Testimony of a defense witness at a recent trial of one of 47 people charged with having illegally bought a "gift" refrigerator has led to the discovery of what police believe to be the illegal purchase of 140 American refrigerators with Israel currency smuggled abroad in exchange for foreign currency.

The refrigerators were imported in 1950 by the Solel Boneh (Histadrut contracting firm) Employees National Committee and distributed to senior members of the staff.

The witness, a Solel Boneh employee, in his testimony himself admitted owning one of the refrigerators. A check of official records led police to believe the witness had obtained no license for the purchase of the refrigerator.

On further investigation, the police found a list with the names of 140 employees who had acquired them under similar circumstances.

The police have opened files on each of the possessors of the refrigerators and Solel Boneh has begun its own investigation.

Will Teach Yiddish At Columbia U.

NEW YORK (WNS)—Dr. Uriel Weinreich has been appointed Associate in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture at Columbia University, under the terms of a recent grant from the Atran Foundation, which established the Atran Chair at the university.

Dr. Weinreich, 26, is a native of Vilna, Poland. He came to the U.S. in 1940, and received a B. A., M. A. and a Ph. D. degree in linguistics at Columbia.

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Charleston, W. Va. — Are The Women Taking Over?

Charleston Families Are Having More Children

The consensus in Charleston is that Jewish families are getting larger.

Rabbi Samuel Cooper of the Orthodox B'nai Jacob Synagogue recalls that fifteen and twenty years ago, a family that had two children felt that its "existence was justified." Today, says the Rabbi, there are more families in the community with three or four children. Rabbi Cooper believes that a family's size is determined by the mother. It is the mother who has the responsibility of caring for and raising the children, and it is up to her to determine whether she wants to devote her life to raising children, or whether she wants other interests in life.

The rabbi believes, also, that better economic conditions in Charleston are an important factor in the increased size of the Jewish family.

Mrs. I. E. Buff, president of Hadassah, thinks there is a tendency toward larger families all over the country, among non-Jews as well as Jews. She believes it is a trend of the times, attributable perhaps to better economical conditions throughout the U. S. Mrs. Buff thinks that the size of a family is determined by both parents.

Mr. M. Kornstein, local president of the ZOA, says that neither the man nor the woman has anything to do with the size of a family. He claims that economic conditions are the only motivating factor in determining the number of children a family will have.

Kornstein, who has lived in Charleston over thirty years, claims that he hasn't noticed any tendency towards larger families on the part of the Jewish community in Charleston.

But Mrs. Sam Zachs, vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Orthodox B'nai Jacob, disagrees with Mr. Kornstein. She maintains that it is the woman who decides the amount of children a family will have.

Mrs. Zachs said that in her immediate circle families always have been large. In tracing the growth of families, she claims, immigrant Jewish families were large, while first generation American families tended to be small. Second generation American Jewish families are getting larger.

One Jewish gentleman, a prominent member of the Charleston community who prefers to remain anonymous, says: "The average family today is satisfied with two or three kids. The old timers used to knock off five, six and seven kids and think nothing of it. I would have liked to have three kids myself.

WOMEN'S GROUPS MORE ACTIVE, BUT MEN ARE POLICY MAKERS

Jewish women's organizations are much more active than men's organizations in Charleston. They are more tightly knit, smoother running and more efficient, especially in the mechanics of organization.

Thus Rabbi Samuel Cooper, spiritual leader of Orthodox B'nai Jacob, salutes the Jewish women of Charleston.

But, says the rabbi, they are not policy makers. "They do the job well, but I don't think they set the policy of the community."

HAVE MORE TIME

Rabbi Cooper believes the women are more active because they have more time, and because they are the keepers of the home, their area of interest is limited, so that organizational work gives them an opportunity to get out and mingle.

Organizational work, says the rabbi, is both a release and a relief to a woman from her routine life activities.

But, the rabbi believes, when it comes to donating large sums of money, the men are more generous than the women. Women do not have the breadth of vision; they tend to feel less secure than men.

INFLUENCED BY WIVES

Although men are more generous, they are influenced by their women. "Whenever a man tells me that he must discuss the question of a large donation with his wife," says Rabbi Cooper, "I give that man up for lost."

Rabbi Cooper believes that the Jewish woman plays a much more important role in community life than the man. If the mother observes kashrut and lights candles on Friday night, the chances are greater that her daughter will. And a man is too tired after a days work to disagree with his wife. So it is usually the woman who decides whether her child gets a good Jewish education.

JEWISH EDUCATION

All Jewish children in Charleston get some form of Jewish education. But in Hebrew school and among the very young, the boys predominate in attendence, says Rabbi Cooper. However, in Sunday school the ratio is sixty percent boys to forty percent girls.

In adult Jewish studies the classes have seventy-five percent women and only twenty five percent men. Rabbi Cooper believes this proves that as they get older, the ladies realize that they have a deficiency which they try to make up.

The Talmud says, "What is the special merit of women? It is because they bring their children to the house of Jewish study?"

This quotation, says Rabbi Cooper, is true in Charleston today.

WOMEN PREDOMINATE

In most cases of defection from Orthodoxy, the woman has played the predominant role. Most women have had an inadequate Jewish training. Hence they have no strong Jewish attachments. They are not prepared for the discipline of the religion, and lacking the understanding they lack the will to perform, claims the rabbi.

At the Friday night srrvices, which is the big Orthodox service in Charleston, the average attendance is usually sixty women to forty men. The social aspect has a lot to do with this predominance of women, believes Rabbi Cooper. It is the woman's opportunity to dress up, to see her friends and to meet other people.

Two positions on the Synagogue board have been held by women for the last ten years. There are twenty men on the board.

WOMEN SEEM TO BE TAKING OVER CHARLESTON JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE

It is sometimes said that the Jewish woman, who is traditionally the head of the Jewish family, is also today in control of the Jewish community.

In an effort to determine whether Jewish community life does tend towards matriarchy, The Post returned to Charleston, West Virginia.

When The Post first went to Charleston (NJP, Feb. 23, 1951) it found Charleston Jewry were representative of the average Jewish community in a typical middle-sized American city.

But perhaps of more significance was the fact that in Charleston the Hadassah outnumbered the ZOA; the women's Auxiliary of the synagogue were more active than their male counterparts; women outnumbered men at services both in the Shul and in the Temple; more young adult women attended courses in Jewish education than men; and women seemed to play a more conspicuous part in general community affairs than their menfolk.

If this analysis is accurate, what is its import for Jewish community life in the U. S.?

In this report, The Post sought to discover who, Jewish man or woman, does more and exerts greater influence in matters of Jewish education, religious affiliation, size of family and general community affairs.

Charleston Needs Baby Sitters

Although the Bible and Hebrew class for adults at the Orthodox B'nai Jacob synagogue, was given in the evening so that both husbands and wives could attend, only two men showed up.

While this might show that women are more interested in Jewish education than are men, it could also show that there is a lack of qualified baby sitters in Charleston.

The ultra-Orthodox Agudat Yisrael and the Poale (Labor) Agudat Yisrael parties of Israel have agreed to merge, giving the new group control of five seats in Knesset.

Man Leads Women In Refugee Work

The Jewish community in Charleston is agreed that the biggest reason for the successful resettlement of Jewish refugees who were sent to this city, was the untiring efforts of Sidney Kleeman, a prominent member of the community and former president of Temple B'nai Israel.

Over two thirds of the volunteer workers on the committee for the resettlement of the Jewish DP's were women.

More than half the 5-6,000 American residents of Israel chose to become Israel citizens under the new Nationality Law which became effective July 14.

WOMEN TAKE MORE PRIDE IN THEIR TASKS THAN MEN

In the battle of the sexes neither influences the other, believes M. Kornstein, president of Charleston's ZOA. But the women do a better job, because they have more time and they take pride in their assignments. Men regard their assignments as an imposed burden.

Women are dominant in every project except the UJA, believes Kornstein. But men pay greater attention to undertakings that women foster than women would pay to undertakings that men foster.

Although there are more Hadassah members (269) than there are members of ZOA (238) Kornstein believes that neither influences the other. One reason is that the work of the Hadassah is entirely different from that of the ZOA. Hadassah members do not feel that they are useless as there are still charitable projects to carry out. But many men believe that the Zionists have outlived their usefulness since the State of Israel is an accomplished fact. Hence the relative drop of interest in "political" Zionism.

Over the period of the last thirty years there has been a greater influx of girls in Jewish education, believes Kornstein, "especially in the last five or six years." A history and bible class which has been going for the last five years has always had a preponderance of women. Now that class is beginning to give courses in Hebrew.

Except for oldtimers, "who will never change," men are definitely influenced by women when it comes to a choice or religious affiliation, believes Kornstein. He believes affiliation with the Reform temple anywhere in the United States stems mostly from the woman's choice.

Ma'abara Director Arrested

MIGDAL ASCALON, Israel — The director of a ma'abara here was arrested last week on suspicion of having stolen ma'abara property and with making personal use of food destined for the transient immigrant camp.

Women Have More Time, But Men Lead

Women are more active in Jewish affairs because they have more time, but the men are definitely the leaders, says Mrs. I. E. Buff, Charleston's president of Hadassah.

Mrs. Buff had the highest praise for Mr. M. Kornstein president of ZOA. "We may be more active, but Mr. Kornstein is by far a much harder worker than I am," she said.

There are more girls than boys (12-4) in the Sunday school, but that is no criterion, pointed out Mrs. Buff.

Both husband and wife determine the religious denomination of the family, and fifty percent of the families in Charleston belong to the Shul and the Temple, Mrs. Buff believes.

The Buff family belongs to the Shul and the Temple because Dr. Buff was raised in an Orthodox home and Mrs. Buff was brought up in a Reform home.

Dr. Leon Katz, nuclear physicist on the faculty of the University of Saskatchewan, is the first Canadian Jew to be elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

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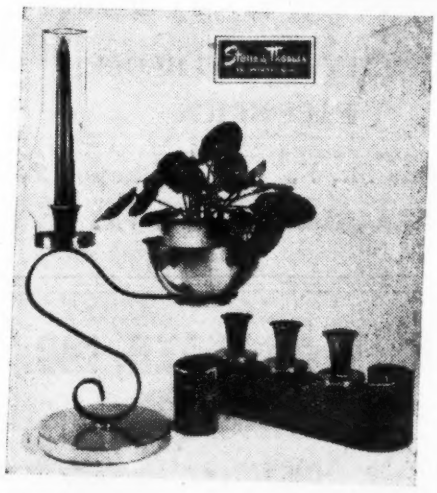

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Reform Institute Friday Night Services

The Reform Congregation B'nai Israel of Charleston, recently voted to hold Friday night services. This is considered a departure for Charleston, since services at the Reform Temple were held on Sundays.

Before the Temple voted for the change, a representative had gone to the popular Friday night services held at the Orthodox B'nai Jacob Synagogue. He was favorably impressed.

BB, ZOA Weak Says Woman Leader

The B'nai Brith and the Zionists are very weak in Charleston, believes Mrs. Sam Zachs, vice president of the Orthodox B'nai Jacob Synagogue.

Women are more organization minded and more interested in Jewish life than are men. Mrs. Zachs, who has three young boys, is very much interested in Jewish life because of her children. She believes all Jewish mothers must be interested in Jewish life if they are interested in their children.

Mrs. Zachs, who keeps a kosher home, believes every Jew, male or female, should know and understand the Hebrew language and customs. But she agrees that most Jewish mothers do not believe their daughters need much of a Jewish education.

Mrs. Zachs believes that women definitely decide the religious affiliation of the family. But there may be other reasons besides conviction for this.

Although there are more women than men actively engaged in general community work, Jewish men are involved in all community drives.

Joan Greenberg Weds

JERUSALEM — Joan Greenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Greenberg, Hopewell Junction, N. Y., recently married Felix Freilich here.

Wheat From Italy

TEL AVIV — The first shipment of 10,000 tons of wheat of a 40,000-ton consignment for southern Israel arrived last week from Italy.

The Shomrim Society, representing 1,700 Jewish members of the New York City Police Department, bought $10,000 worth of Israel bonds.

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The Zionist Organization of Canada recently shipped about 20 tons of clothing, linen, baby bedding microscopes, soap and foodstuffs to Israel.

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Another Essential Industry Grows As More Israeli Fishermen Put to Sea

HAIFA, Israel—Typical of the "old-new" Jewish life developing in Israel is the growth of the fishing industry, highlighted last week by Israel's purchase of ten fishing trawlers from Britain. The new purchase will increase Israel's deep-sea fishing fleet to 40 trawlers, and her production capacity from about 4,500 tons to about 5,500 tons annually.

An occupation in which Jews are not known to have engaged widely since Talmudic times, perhaps since the time they conducted fairly extensive seagoing activities in conjunction with the Phoenicians, fishing today is an essential industry in Israel.

In view of the critical meat shortage, fish is being used as a meat substitute. Israel last year had to import an additional 18,500 tons of fish, mainly from Britain, Iceland and Denmark, to meet local demand. A small proportion of Israel fish was canned for export by Israel's canning industry with a capacity of about 15 tons a day.

Originally, almost all of the country's fish came from the carp breeding bonds, from the Haifa Bay area or from points just off the coast. In 1948, when the state was established, sea and lake fishing yielded about 200 tons. By 1952 the yield was about 4,500 tons, in addition to 4,300 tons of carp.

Israel's fishing industry, which now employs about 1,200, is directed by Moshe Bar-Shimon, technical adviser to the department of fisheries in the Israel department of agriculture.

Born in Germany, Bar-Shimon came to Israel in 1936 at the age of 20. He was a fisherman until 1947, when he became a Jewish Agency official. His department is now experimenting in new methods to increase catches.

An archaeological expedition near Beersheba, Israel, has unearthed what is believed to be traces of the first peasants in the Negev, dating back to about 4,000 B.C.E.

The American Society of Friends (Quakers) will open a work camp for volunteers in Israel from August 1 to September 15, to work on reafforestation projects.

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Who's the Boss? Ask (Her) (Him)

In trying to determine whether the man or the man ran the Jewish community in Charleston, this reporter ran into some difficulties.

Women condescendingly gave credit to the men, and men loyally gave credit to the women.

One man, when asked, "Who is boss in your family?" told of the time he and this wife were sitting in the living room of their home when the telephone rang.

The maid answered the phone, then announced, "Someone wants to talk to the boss."

"We just sat there and looked at each other for a long moment," he related. "Then my wife nodded, so I got up and answered the phone."

Although it was generally agreed that women were numerically stronger in organizational work, it was also conceded that the men made the final and financial decisions.

And one influfential member of this community said, when asked whether the man or the woman was boss in his family, "I am, of course, but you better let me call up my wife to make sure."

Since the beginning of 1952, the Zionist Organization of Canada has shipped more than $200,000 worth of food, clothing, machinery and pharmaceuticals to Israel.

The Dybbuk, world famous Yiddish play by S. Ansky, was recently translated into Portugese, in which language the play will soon be presented in Brazil.

Work has begun on construction of a smallholders' agricultural and light industries village near Ramle, Israel, for 200 families from Argentina.

Brandeis U. Will Open First Graduate School

WALTHAM, Mass.—Brandeis University will open its first graduate school, a graduate school of arts and sciences, in the fall of 1953, Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president, announced this week.

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Heller Is Silver's and Neumann's Gift to Labor Zionism

By M. Z. FRANK

THE election of Rabbi James G. Heller as president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America (LZOA) and the simultaneous decision to amalgamate the Pioneer Women and the Jewish National Workers' Alliance with the LZOA form a revolutionary event in American Zionism.

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For the first time the Labor Zionists will have a leader who is not of the Yiddish-speaking element, but one who is even more "Americanized" and possessing a social prestige at any rate no less than that of the president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA).

For the first time the LZOA will consist not of a small number of closely indoctrinated members, but, like the ZOA, of a fairly large number of more loosely ideology-conscious people. With Jimmy Heller in the leadership, and with so many members of the Pioneer Women being English-speaking, the effort to recruit more American-integrated Jews into the organization will proceed more vigorously and more successfully.

MANY LABOR ZIONISTS SYMPATHIZERS in America who did not feel at home with the old Yiddish-speaking element and under their leadership will now join in larger numbers and become more active. The ZOA and the LZOA now become fairly equally balanced forces, with the scales tipping now one way, now the other.

Jimmy Heller is Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's gift to the Labor Zionists, and Emanuel Neumann now achieves a success for his policies in a way he had not figured.

Ever since 1939 Neumann has sought to concert the ZOA into an ideologically defined organization allied with the extreme Right of the General Zionists in Israel. But he expected a strong vigorous ZOA in control of the American Jewish scene and of its funds for Israel in the same way as Mapai is in control in Israel. What he got is a comparatively small, internally divided ZOA, with no control over any American activities in behalf of Israel and strongly challenged by a strengthened LZOA.

SO WE NOW HAVE one Zionist organization in America headed by Rabbi Irving Miller and allied to Israel's chief opposition party, and another headed by Rabbi James Heller, allied to Israel's ruling party.

As a matter of fact, however, neither the rank-and-file ZOA members are as cosely identified with the ideologies of their opposite numbers in Israel as official declarations claim. The average ZOA member is in his views somewhat to the left of the average General Zionist in Israel; the average Labor Zionist in America is somewhat to the right of the average Mapai member in Israel.

There still remains a difference between the ZOA and the LZOA, but it is less than between the General Zionists and the Mapai in Israel, and even the latter is less than it was four years ago. However, as we know from political life in America, the less the ideological difference, the greater the noise. So we may expect some merry fireworks.

The situation today in America is such that any Zionist who wishes to help Israel without identifyng himself with any political party in Israel has no place in the organized Zionist movement. He must either join the ZOA and claim that Rokach can do no wrong or join the Labor Zionists and claim that BG can do no wrong. If he does not like it, he can work for Israel outside organized Zionism—and there is plenty of opportunity for him.

IN RECENT YEARS Neumann has been the only Zionist leader in America to show real imagination and Silver the only one to give vigorous leadership. Their plan to mobilize the political influence of American Jewry in behalf of the Zionist cause was crowned with brilliant success. Their plan to set up in America an organized Jewish forces to counterbalance the force of Mapai in Israel failed, because it was a Quixotic plan to begin with and refused to recognize realities and because in their urge to exercise too tight a control they denuded the ZOA of its intellectual content and drove away many important personages.

Heller is thus Silver's gift to Labor Zionism. And Heller, unlike Miller, will not be embarrassed by the kind of Zionist propaganda which runs like "Baa, baa, Jew, Jew, have you any Zionism today?"

But the revolution in American Labor Zionism is not due to any display of imagination on the part of American Labor Zionist leaders. It was the result of pressure from Mapai in Israel, who have long felt displeased with the failure of their friends in America to attract more members and with their stubborn adherence to the cult of Yiddish.

BOTH MILLER and Heller will now have to show some imagination in evolving a positive Zionist program for America beyond the "identification" with their corresponding parties in Israel and beyond a mere contest between two prominent rabbis for good speeches on Zionism.

In one respect Heller is in a better position. It is easier to bask in the glory of Ben Gurion than in the dullness of Rokach and it is always more comfortable to have the backing of the governing party.

But, in the long run, identification is stultifying—even identification with Israel's Government. It is easier for Miller to loosen his ties with the General Zionists in Israel and make ZOA stand on its own, taking a position on each issue on its merits, than it would be for Heller to cut loose from Mapai.

Ten British fishing trawlers have been added to Israel's fishing fleet of 30, increasing Israel's production capacity by about 1,000 tons annually.

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Although there is no women's auxiliary of B'nai B'rith, the presence of women has brought new life to the organiziation. said Alex Wise, one of the officials of the organization. "We once had a mother-daughter dinner, where the men waited on the women," recalled Mr. Weise. "That, too, was a great success."

Women are more active in the Jewish community because they have more time, and it is the woman who definitely sets the pattern for Jewish family life, believes Weise.

Although in his family he decides the religious affiliation Weise admits that the woman brings a lot of influence to bear. In most families, he believs, it's a fifty-fifty proposition. "The husband doesn't give a darn, but the wife does," he said.

Weise had the highest praise for the Auxiliary, the Sisterhood and the Jewish Women's Council, a Jewish women's group dedicated to non-sectarian community projects.

Industrial Accident Rate High in Israel

JERUSALEM—82 Israel workers were killed and 20,204 were injured in industrial accidents in 1951. Of these, 13 were killed in Jerusalem and 2,776 injured—or one in every nine workers. The Israel industrial accident rate is said to be two-and-a-half times as great as in other countries, in proportion to population.

Mrs. Sheindel Rosenberg Dies

NEW YORK—Mrs. Sheindel Rosenberg, widow of the late Rabbi Meyer Rosenberg, died Wednesday, July 16, at 64. Mrs. Rosenberg was the mother of Rabbi I. Solomon Rosenberg, Tel Aviv, chairman of the World Mizrachi Executive; Mrs. Eva Magnus, wife of Rabbi Moses Magnus, New York; and Mrs. Miriam Rosensweig, wife of Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig, Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Rosenberg's body, together with her husband's, was brought to Israel for interment.

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There is a youth organization in town with a well rounded program, but mixed dating (between Jew and non-Jew) is quite a problem, said the rabbi. Although there is no danger of the community disappearing because of mixed marriages, even isolated cases disturb us, pointed out Rabbi Cooper.

Mixed dating is indulged in largely by the men. Rabbi Cooper explains this by saying, "Man does the seeking—woman waits to be sought."

Any surplus Jewish men planning to be around Charleston might well heed the Rabbi's advice.

NEGEV IDEAL RESORT AREA--LOWDERMILK

TEL AVIV—The Southern Negev, part of the great stretch which for almost 2,000 years has been almost entirely wasteland, has been found ideal for resorts and tourist travel, as well as for agriculture and pasture, Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk reported last week.

Disclosing that about 3,000,000 dunams or about half the area had been examined, the American soil expert said the area was once prosperous, until it was devastated by man. He added that it was a "reconquest of the desert" which should be undertaken, not a "conquest."

At the same time, Professor Jacob Yoffe, of New Jersey, said the Negev soil was fertile and suitable for many crops including citrus.

Referring to recent discoveries of mineral deposits in the area, Professor Yoffe said agriculture was more important for the land's economy than mines, which might easily be exhausted. He conceded that irrigation would still present a difficult problem, since water must be piped from a considerable distance, but said the necessary fertilizers were easily available in Israel.

Al 'Flip' Rosen To Wed

DOTHAN, Alabama—Mr. and Mrs. Myer Blumberg have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage, in October, of their daughter, Terese Ann, to Al "Flip" Rosen, Cleveland Indians baseball star. Rosen is the son of Mrs. Sol Gould, Forest Hills, N. Y.

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REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

BRANDEIS INSTITUTE CAMPERS ASK SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

By SHIMON WINCELBERG

THE Brandeis Camp Institute at Santa Susana, California, has come up with the intriguing notion to invite some creative people (primarly writers) to spend an obligationless week at the camp and see if any sort of osmosis, Jewish or creative, takes place between campers and guests. I seem to have wound up as the first beneficiary of this system, and would like to report that after the first couple of days it seemed a lot less important to me to finish my play, than to involve myself in the doings of the camp. And if I leave with any regrets, it is only that I didn't participate fully enough.

WINCELBERG

American Jewish youth, as exemplified by the Brandeis campers, still isn't anywhere near the answer to what constitutes (as it was put to one of the bull-sessions) "a meaningful Jewish life in America," but they are ready to tackle questions like these with a vigor, honesty, open-mindness, intelligence and courage, which is nothing if not heartening.

The one area, in which the camp still seems to be in its early experimental stages, concerns the form and degree in which religious practices and services can be made to stick with a group, most of whom seem to have rejected the Reform-Conservative pracices of their parents as meaningless or dishonest, but feel Orthodoxy to be a rather arbitrary regression, out of keeping with the American temperament except for those fortunate enough to have grown up in it.

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AT THE moment, the only tangible shortage at B.C.I. is books. I imagine donations would be more than welcome. Most popular at the moment seem to be "The Second Scroll," the Anne Frank diary (as serialized in "Commentary"), and Achad Ha-am.

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WITH all due respect to the Brandeis theories, what really remained with me were the people, campers, staffers, visitors. Among the names which come to mind most readily are the three Naomis-Socol (pianist, Toronto), Newman (singer, Beverly hills), Morris (dancer, New York); Mrs. Miriam Goldin, of Mills College, Oakland, who lectured on the Bible; musicologist, Dr. Sendry; visitors, Rabbi Jacob Weinstein of Chicago, Louis and Mrs. Shub, artist William Earl Singer (whom the atmosphere reminded of some of the kibbutzim he had visited in Israel last year), singer Richard Tucker (fresh from a successful concert at Hollywood Bowl, whom the campers finally warmed up to the point where he joined them in some Hebrew songs).

Staffers Alan Banks (dance), Benjamin Zemach (drama), Gene Levine, one of the Institute's more eloquent theoreticians (library); painter, art critic, motion picture student Avraham Kampf (art), producer of a short film on "Understanding Children's Drawings," currently planning to make an inexpensive lyrical documentary about Brandeis Camp.

Lecturers Mrs. Ruth Rubin (Yiddish folk music); Rabbi Aaron Wise (Hassidism); camper Amos Hirschbein (a fine pianist and son of the great Yiddish poet); a number of other fine musicians whose names I never learned; ditto for actors and dancers; Mrs. Betty Rifkind, member of the Board of Directors, and a wonderful hostess to us visitors; Dr. Shlomo Bardin, director of the Institute and Max Helfman, who is not only something of a pioneer in American Jewish music, but also a man of sharp and youthful intellect, and invincible good nature.

As you may have gathered from the foregoing, I was impressed.

Bavarian Neo-Nazis Musn't Wear Uniforms

MUNICH, Germany — The scene about 30 years ago of the "beer hall putsch" of Adolph Hitler, founder of Nazism and former Chancellor of Germany, reportedly has become the scene of a police "putsch" against Hitler's successors.

The Bavarian ministry of the interior reportedly has ordered the state police to arrest members of Otto Remer's neo-Nazi Socialist Reich Party who are seen wearing uniforms.

Members of the party, upon which the West German Constitutional Court last week imposed a provisional ban (NJP, July 25, 1952), have been appearing in public wearing uniforms similar to those of Hitler's Stormtroopers.

David Reuben, a member of the Bene Israel community, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Patna, India, High Court.

Chotiner Named Nixon's Campaign Manager

LOS ANGELES—Murray M. Chotiner, local attorney and Republican Party leader, has been named campaign manager of Senator Richard Nixon for the Vice-Presidency of the U. S. Chotiner is a member of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Relations Committee and was associated with Senator Nixon when the latter first ran for Congress in 1946. Later he served as Nixon's campaign manager in the 1950 Senatorial election.

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SEVERAL years ago I met Yehudah Koppel, manager for the Americas of El Al Airlines. It was at a United Jewish Appeal annual convention in Atlantic City, I believe, and he introduced me to Livia Eisen, whom I interviewed as chief hostess for the airlines. She is now engaged to marry an American rabbi.

Last week in New York, Yehudah introduced me to another girl, this time his wife — Florence.

Both Livia and Florence are now true Israelis, and if it were not for the fact that they both came to Israel, the one from Europe and the other from New York, I could say that they display the charm and beauty of young Israeli womanhood.

An interview with Florence should be in order since I interviewed Livia several years ago. But is seems that I was beaten to the interview by one of the Israeli papers, and since it's summer, you'll forgive me if I just reprint liberally from the Israeli interview:

"A FEW DAYS AGO a doctor was called to an American girl in one of the Tel Aviv hotels. The girl who wasn't well was very worried "Docto , will I be able to go to work tomorrow." The doctor examined her and talked with her for quite a while and in the end he determined "Lady, you're in love." "What's that got to do with my sickness?" Florence was surprised. "You're in love with Israel and your love is so strong that it forces you to work above your abilities. Rest a few days and you'll be well again."

"Only two years ago Florence didn't know a thing about Israel. According to her own words she was a typical American girl, a graduate o af college, who later obtained a job with United Air Lines.

"Her colleagues at work in El Al are very impressed with Florence and they say that she has inexhaustible energy. and sleeps only briefly.

"She lives, eats and drinks in El Al Israel, one of the managers of El Al said about her. She doesn't receive a salary, only expenses and eats like every Israeli and not like a tourist, and works very hard. She lost eight kilos of her weight in the three months. But this American girl in love with Israel, did not lose her charm and her usual manners and her hairdo (only one ear is exposed). From this ear one and only one earring is suspended, and they say she is the biggest ownner of one-earring collection in the world. The earring most liked by her is the one with the Magen David."

THE KOPPELS CONTENDED that in fifty years the Israeli and American Jewish communities would be two distinct communities, with not even a common religion to connect them.

They felt that such a development was inevitable with the emphasis in the American Jewish community on religion, and the emphasis in Israel on culture, and Israeli mores. As far as they could visualize, there would be very little relationship between the two.

Of course, I opposed this view, and they replied, especially Mrs. Koppel, that it would even be healthy and beneficial for the Jews of the U. S. when such a situation developed. Then the Jew could really integrate into the American community, and he would be an American first, and a Jew second, just like the French or the English or the other nationalities in the U. S. Although she didn't feel that anti-Semitism would disappear altogether, she did assert that even it would be affected when the Jew in the U. S. became like any other religious denomination.

This has been discussed here before, and my feelings are clear. To me it would be a catastrophe if the Israeli and the U. S. Jewish communities were to lose their common identity in religion and culture and every phase, except political.

Returning to Indianapolis, I picked up a copy of The Jewish Times of Baltimore and read an interesting letter to editor Bert Kline from Harold Hill of Hadera, Israel. The answer to the Koppels was in the letter, the following paragraphs of which I shall quote.

"THE REWARDS for diligent effort here are indeed few—little food, space, clothing, inadequate living conditions, no relaxation and continued tightening of the belt. The only drive that keeps everyone working is: EN BRERA (no alternative). Israel knows that her survival dictates these harsh living conditions.

"Last week I was visited by two former Baltimoreans, Ralph Finkel and Joe Seidel. Ralph lives at the southermost tip of Israel, Elath. He is a surveyor for the government and is mapping this great unknown region that is claimed to be the wealthiest part of the country. There are 300 pioneers living at Elath, establishing a post which will in the future be the site of Israel's port to the Far East. Ralph is sporting a bushy black beard and is in top spirits. Joe Seidel lives in Haifa and is a ceramic engineer. Israel is laying the groundwork for a large ceramic industry as most of the raw materials can be found here and Joe is lending his knowledge in that direction.

"Aviva Ginsburgh is currently visiting us in Hadera. Aviva, the daughter of the late Dr. Stanley A. Ginsburgh is living with her mother in Jerusalem. Shoshannah, her mother, is secretary to the Minister of Education. Aviva's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kramer, are well known in Jewish education circles in Baltimore. Aviva is to go to Teachers College in the fall and is now enjoying her summer vacation as every student."

This is the answer to the Koppels—Americans going to Israel to play their role in the development of the state.

IT IS conceivable that the Koppel's analysis could be correct, but only if the American Jews failed to join in to help out by actual participation. But if there is a bridge connecting the two communities, such as is indicated in the letter from the former Baltimorean to his local Anglo-Jewish paper, then the one community will fructify the other, and they will develop apace in all areas of Jewish values.

Yehuda explained to me problems which El Al faced because it was proscribed from operating on the Sabbath. All the planes, he related, had to be grounded at sundown Friday, and this increased the operating expenses considerably, since an airline made profit when it could use its equipment as much as possible in line with safety factors.

The Sabbatth shutdown also had an adverese effect on convenience for the travelling public. For instance, the two flights to Israel start, the one on Saturday night, and the other on Tuesday night. The first starts just after the Sabbath, and the second starts in time to allow the plane to arrive in Israel for the Sabbath. Other days might have been more suitable, but there was no choice.

But there were difficulties other than these. Since non-Jews travelled by El Al too, it was impossible to shut down the New York office on Saturday. A non-Jew wanted to bring his baggage to the New York office on Saturday and check it before plane time. The same is true for air freight and for many Jews who do not observe the Sabbath.

On top of this, in Israel, at least, there was the problem of servicing the planes on the Sabbath. If this couldn't be done, then the planes might be on the ground for two days a week instead of one.

THE CURRENT ISSUE of The Jewish Horizon, which is the organ of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor Zionists, there is an article by Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriah, in which the point is made, if I understand it correctly, that all the needs of a modern state coulud be met without contravening Orthodox law. What is required is that those who control the state be concerned with Tora. The author contends that dispensations would be easily found in halacha for all the necessary "violations" of the Sabbatth, if there were really sincere desire on the part of the government to honor the Sabbath. If this test is met, then work on the Sabbath becomes "observance of the Sabbath," Rabbi Neriah explains.

This is a complex problem, and I'll stop right here, even if you get the idea, which is accurate, that I'm running out on the situation.

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Democracy in the U.S. Jewish Community

JUST what position to take on the question now being raised by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF) on its right to determine how the money it raises is to be spent is far from as simple as some spokesmen for the CJFWF would make out.

Herbert R. Abeles, one of the top lay leaders of the CJFWF, contends that the Council not only has such a right, but also a duty to see that the money it allocates is spent wisely. He refers not only to money allocated to national Jewish agencies, but to overseas agencies as well.

"Is there any logic," asks Mr. Abeles, who is chairman of the Committee on National-Local Relations of the CJFWF, "in weighing carefully every cent we allocate to our local agencies, following it with an eagle eye to make sure that we squeeze every ounce of value from it, while on the other hand disppatching thousands and millions of dollars to national and overseas agencies and then forgetting about them once the envelope has been sealed?"

The question almost supplies its own answer.

But since in the American Jewish community the power to allocate funds is at one and the same time the power to determine policy, the real question is whether the American Jewish community is prepared at this time to entrust into the hands of the CJFWF the control over, not only the American Jewish community, but also, to a great extent, world Jewry as a whole.

Just what the answer is The Post is not at this time prepared to say.

In the U. S., slow and feeble as is Jewish public opinion to be created and reflected, it is possible, though difficult, for the Jewish community to indicate its wishes on various issues. Such was the case on the MacIver Report. Even before it was made, it could be pointed out with a great deal of accuracy how great was the need for more coordination and cooperation in the Jewish civic protective field. It could be demonstrated also that the Jewish community was in favor of removing the tight suzerainty held by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee in this field of Jewish public relations.

As a result, the CJFWF, when it began to demand that the waste and duplication be eliminated, was reflecting the will of the U. S. Jewish community. The ADL and the AJCommittee, on the other hand, as they are now doing, had the right to appeal to the Jewish community from the decision.

As to the overseas agencies, the question becomes more involved. Most certainly the CJFWF has a right to demand, as it has been doing, the elimination of waste of, and competition for, the funds it allocates to these agencies. But does this right carry with it the inherent right of setting policy?

In Israel, how money raised in America is spent is subject to the close scrutiny of the newspapers and of Israeli Jewish public opinion. If the money is spent unwisely or wasted or used for political purposes, there are checks and restraints of public opinion and the ballot which, in the last analysis, shows the wishes of the Israeli population.

But in the U. S. Jewish community, where there is no such thing as an immediate Jewish public opinion, it takes months and even years before a position of the community becomes demonstrably obvious, as in the case of the Jewish public relations field. Unfortunately, there is no national independent Jewish publication which reaches a wide segment of the Jewish community and can reflect Jewish public opinion almost overnight.

Unfortunately, the CJFWF, which is the nearest to a democratic instrument we have in the American Jewish community of today for registering the decisions of the community, is not as democratic as it will be in the future, when the suffrage will be spread more widely over the thinking part of the Jewish community, and not be based, as it is now, on wealth, this latter through no fault of its own. In the American Jewish community as at present constituted, only the wealthy can afford to attend conventions; thus, the suffrage is concentrated in the hands of those who might give more weight to money matters than to ideological considerations.

This, then, is the problem being raised by the CJFWF in its true context, as we see it.

We think that the CJFWF, whose position Mr. Abeles is correctly reflecting, has a great deal to support it. But we think, too, that until the U. S. Jewish public has had a chance to examine all the implications of the CJFWF's position and to indicate its support of it beyond successful contradiction, the question should get as long and as serious study as possible.

True democracy is only an ideal, which probably never will be more than approached, at least in the U. S. Jewish community. But its extension must be carefully nurtured, and its development requires even more vigilance when there is only partial freedom than when freedom is denied altogether.

Jewish Parents Criticized on Love

THOSE are strong words which Rabbi Leo Jung addressed to American Jewish parents through the medium of the recently-concluded fifth annual Wildacres Institute in North Carolina.

Devoting his lecture to the topic "Married Love and Jewish Law," Rabbi Jung, a leading Orthodox rabbi, excoriated modern-day Jewish mothers for inculcating their daughters with the idea that their mates must provide them with a "mink coat," a two-carat diamond ring and "a two-tone car."

There was no mincing of words either when Rabbi Jung outlined the consequences of late marriages.

"We wait until the boy can offer her a great deal of luxury. By that time, this happens: Up to the age of 25 or so you can sublimate your motivations; write a book; you can start a business; you can lead a movement; you can get enthusiastic about I don't know what. But a time comes in your life when you stay unmarried—when you have to decide between two things. Either you bring secondhand love into marriage or you stay continent and become a neurotic personality. What we do is force our girls whom we teach the sweetness of purity and all the rest of it, to wait for a bachelor who has waited long enough to have made his pile and have a very good income. And we don't ask what are the consequences. Sometimes I have found there is a difference of 15 years between husband and wife. They are the most wonderful opportunities for broken homes. When you wait too long, you endanger the relationship."

Judaism has always been the most practical of religions. What Rabbi Jung is expressing is nothing more or less than good Jewish custom and law. In Europe, it was usual for the children to wed young, with the parents of the bride supporting the couple when necessary. Throughout Jewish tradition, the unmarried person is made the object of criticism, and the emphasis was on wedded bliss.

Whereas some religions looked upon marriage as a necessary evil, Judaism's outlook on marriage was so modern that it is no less than that suggested by the most modern marriage counsellor or psychiatrist. The attitude was honest and wholesome, and like many Jewish laws which have been cast aside too easily, was the bulwark which supported Jewish civilization at a level of culture rarely surpassed in contemporary history.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

HOW CAN LAWS BE 'ETERNAL' AND AT SAME TIME BE 'INTERPRETED'?

By HELEN COHEN

IN THE mailbag:

A. A. W. of Chicago wishes to carry on a correspondence with me in the hope of clearing up my statement on the "illogic of Orthodoxy's stand," which I discussed in my May 16 column.

HELEN COHEN

As much as I would enjoy answering my mail personally, I must at least for the present beg off for lack of time. As it is, my mother complains, and rightfully so, that I am too slow with my letters home.

However, if A. A. W., who writes: "I have often thought of writing concerning your column," had read those columns referring to this subject, he should need no further clarification.

I took specific laws from among the 613 which are supposed to be Divine, eternal and all-sufficient for all times (on the basis that they are found in the Tora, which the Orthodox insist is Divine) and demonstrated where they had been discarded or changed or added to.

SUPOSE WE EXAMINE another one of those 613 for an example of change.

Commandment 168 is on "dwelling in a booth (Sukka) seven days during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)." According to the Tora: "You shall dwell in booths seven days, that your generations may know that I made the Children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Perfectly clear instructions. Yet by the time of the Sages there was a difference of opinion on whether the "booths" are to be "understood in a literal sense or merely symbolically." (Book of Divine Commandments—tr. and ed. Rabbi Charles Chavel, p. 91)

MAIMONIDES STATES that "women are not obligated in the observance of this commandment," which seems a bit queer, since women dwelt in them going out of Egypt. And by the time of the Shulhan Arukh, while the obligation applies to all meals eaten during the Festival, it is "distinctly binding only on the eve of the 15th of Tishri."

Also: "Rainfall exempts one from the obligation to dwell in booths," a concession to comfort not implied in the original Biblical instructions."

Is this not illogic, Mr. A. A. W. —to proclaim the eternal quality of laws and at the same time to "interpret" them to fit the inclinations of the people?

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IN response to my article on children reading "Famous Books"—biographies written on the level of grade school children which are at the same time biographies of non-Jewish heroes and heroines—I have letters from Miriam Leikind, librarian of The Temple, Cleveland (whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver) and Elma Ehrlich Levinger, Los Altos, California, author of numerous Jewish juvenile books.

Both ladies point out the existence of a considerable list of Jewish biographies written for children. Miss Leikind stresses the need for a Jewish library in our Jewish schools and centers and Mrs. Levinger stresses the need for mothers to bring more such books into the home.

WRITES MRS. LEVINGER: "If more of our teachers and mothers would familiarize themselves with Jewish juveniles and buy them for their children to read, both Jewish publishers and Jewish authors would be encouraged to add to our already respectable Jewish bookshelves."

It is rather difficult to conceive that parents who don't bother to buy books of Jewish content for themselves will go out and buy them for their children.

Although it is unfair to lay all the blame on parents, let us face the fact that developing positive Jewish attitudes is a difficult fact in the Christian civilization which pervades the land.

To many of our children, I'm afraid, their Jewishness, including Jewish information, is shunted off to a side not very close or meaningful in their lives.

"Send me some books to read," wrote our son from camp, "sports or adventure, not Jewish."

Whose fault is this?

I would like to list three strikes which Jewish juveniles have against them:

FIRST, the child's attitude, after spending most of his learning years in the public school, which is Christian-oriented, is that his Jewish education at Hebrew and Sunday School is an extra, unwanted burden, so that he approaches this teaching, including the reading matter, with a chip on his shoulder.

SECOND, some of the children's material is not so much inspirational as it is apologetic. Not the Jewishness or the contribution to Judaism of the hero is stressed, but what this or that Jew did for America, that Lincoln spoke to him, or that he gave so much money in the Revolutionary War.

THIRD, because it is a fairly new field and there is a small demand for it, the Jewish juvenile does not always compare favorably with the better written non-Jewish book.

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Cleveland

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Avruskin

● Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I was wondering if you could tell me the meaning and origin of the name Avruskin. If this is any help, my grandfather came from Russia.

TED AVRUSKIN

Salem, Ontario, Canada

AVRUSKIN is a Russian patronymic formed out of the Hebrew name of Abraham (Avrum). Avrus or Avrush is an affectionate diminutive of the name Abraham and the termination ". . . kin" means "son of". The whole name means "Abraham's descendants." It does not refer to the patriarch Abraham, but to an ancestor of your family at the time Russian Jews first adopted family names in 1804. The changes on the name Abraham are extremely numerous in Russian-Jewish usage.

Bombing Suspects Ordered Detained

JERUSALEM — Amos Keinan and Shaltiel Ben Yair, who are to stand trial in the bombing of the home of David Pinkas, Israel Minister of Communications, were ordered detained by the police until their trial.

Dr. Moshe Smoira, President of the Israel Supreme Court, in ordering their detention, overruled a Tel Aviv District Court judge, who had released the suspects on bail. (NJP, July 25, 1952) who had released the suspects

Dr. Smoira ruled that the suspects be detained because of the nature of the charges against them and the severity of the sentences they face. Charges with maliciously causing damage to Pinkas' home and illegal possession of arms and amunition, the suspects face life imprisonment.

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American Jews Failures in Preparing Children for Marriage--Jung

(See Editorial This Issue)

WILDACRES, North Carolina—Jewish parents are "total failures in the way we prepare our children for love," a leading American Jewish teacher of ethics charged last week.

Addressing one of the closing sessions of the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism here, Rabbi Leo Jung, N. Y. spiritual leader and member of the faculty of Yeshiva University, laid the blame on the parents for the stress put by young people today on the material aspects of marriage.

"Where is it written on Mount Sinai or in the Constitution of the U. S. that you must get married with a five-room apartment in a good section of the city," the Orthodox spiritual leader wanted to know, "or that your husband must earn so and so much money; or that a mink coat is part of a good marriage; or that there must be several karats to the ring, otherwise Rosie will sneer at you; or that there must be a two-tone car?"

"I think all that is abominable!" was Rabbi Jung's blast. "What we do is force our girls, whom we teach the sweetness of purity and all the rest of it, to wait for a bachelor who has waited long enough to have made his pile and have a very good income. And we don't ask what are the consequences."

Reporting that he has found married couples with wide age differentials, he asserted that these "are the most wonderful opportunities for broken homes. When you wait too long you endanger the relationship."

He recommended that Jewish parents would do better to instruct their daughters: "The only thing that matters is to find a fine, decent, clean, upright boy . . . Get married and live in one room. Get married and live without mink coats. Get married without an expensive wedding. Get married without a showy honeymoon. Get married for the beautiful thing called love."

The stately, hard-hitting rabbi concluded that "because we don't do that, a great evil has come upon us."

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Unearthed at the Khirbet-Kerak mound on the shore of Lake Kinneret, the remains included a mud-brick wall, a stone wall, a street paved with pebbles and position.

part of the city gate.

Also found were seven tombs dating to about 1800 B.C.E., containing pottery and other objects. Noteworthy was that the dead were buried in a crouched

Remains of the Persian, Greek and Roman periods were also discovered, including an ivory bull, a figurine of a lion, an iron comb, and other objects indicating commercial relations with foreign countries.

Seventy Eight in U.S. Waive Israel Citizenship

NEW YORK—Only 78 of the several thousand Israelis temporarily living or studying in the U.S. waived Israeli citizenship, which was automatically given them July 14, when the Israel Nationality Law went into effect. The majority of the waivers, 55, were filed by Eastern Seaboard residents; 18 were received from Middle Western states and four from the West Coast.

Seren Moshe Taranto of the Israel Army will study Moslem and Indian Law at New Delhi University under a scholarship awarded him by the Indian Government.

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